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<u>AMENDMENTS</u>

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please withdraw claims 1-10 and 18-20.

1. (Withdrawn) A reversible sack suitable for use as a liner in a container, comprising:

a body having an open end;

a length of material located within a channel formed near the open end of the sack;

a passageway extending substantially perpendicularly through material within which the channel is formed; and

a chordstop operatively coupled to a portion of the length of material extending out from the channel through the passageway, the length of material facilitating selective closure and/or opening of the open end of the sack to varying degrees by cinching the length of material and feeding slack length of material into the channel, respectively, the chordstop facilitating maintaining the open end of the sack in the variety of different opened and/or closed conditions,

the chordstop dimensioned relative to the passageway so as to pass through the passageway in one or more orientations while not passing through the passageway in one or more other orientations, where passage of the chordstop through the passageway allows the chordstop to be selectively located on an inside of the sack or an outside of the sack regardless of whether or not the sack is in a reversed or unreversed configuration.

2. (Withdrawn) The sack of claim 1, wherein an outside of the sack has a first pattern and an inside of the sack has a second pattern, the patterns enhancing versatility by providing for different uses based upon reversed and/or un-reversed configurations.

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- 3. (Withdrawn) The sack of claim 2, wherein the passageway has a height that is slightly greater than a height of the chordstop, and a width that is substantially narrower than a width of the chordstop.
- 4. (Withdrawn) The sack of claim 3, wherein the body is formed out of at least one of cotton, silk, wool, leather, vinyl and naugahyde.
- 5. (Withdrawn) The sack of claim 2, wherein the sack accommodates a rigid liner contoured to the shape of the inside of the container and is at least partially supported by the rigid liner.
- 6. (Withdrawn) The sack of claim 5 in combination with the rigid liner and a basket type container.
- 7. (Withdrawn) The sack of claim 6, wherein items stored within the basket type container are maintained within the rigid liner such that the sack may be placed in a reversed (or un-reversed) configuration without disturbing the contents by removing the rigid liner from the sack, reversing (on un-reversing) the sack, placing the rigid liner back in the reversed (or un-reversed) sack and placing the sack and rigid liner in the container.
- 8. (Withdrawn) The sack of claim 2, wherein at least one of the first and second patterns facilitates designating stored contents.
- 9. (Withdrawn) The sack of claim 2, wherein the sack is fashioned out of first and second sheets of material formed into substantially square configurations.
- 10. (Withdrawn) The sack of claim 6, wherein the basket type container is at least partially fashioned out of interwoven thin strips of wood.

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11. (Original) A sack suitable for use as a liner in a container, comprising: a body having an open end;

first fastening means for fastening two drawn together substantially opposing portions of the body near the open end of the sack;

second fastening means for fastening two substantially opposing portions of the body near the open end of the sack over the drawn together portions of the sack.

- 12. (Original) The sack of claim 11, wherein the sack is reversible and the first and second fastening means are functional regardless of whether or not the sack is in a reversed or un-reversed configuration.
- 13. (Original) The sack of claim 11, wherein at least one of the first and second fastening means comprises at least one of buttons, snaps, lengths of material, glue, tape or other adhesive type/based items, magnets, zippers, hook and latch arrangements, clasps, clips, elastic type bands, screws, bolts, post and bail systems, belts, buckles, staples, pins, padlocks, hasps, clamps, couplings, dowels, keepers, lugs, seams, rivets and belts.
- 14. (Original) The sack of claim 11, wherein the first fastening means comprises:

a first length of material; and

a second length of material substantially opposite the first length of material across the open end of the sack, the first and second lengths of material operable to engage one another regardless of whether or not the sack is in a reversed or un-reversed configuration.

15. (Original) The sack of claim 14, wherein the first fastening means incorporates at least one grommet through which at least one of the first and second

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lengths of material can readily slide to facilitate operability of the first fastening means in reversed and un-reversed configurations.

16. (Original) The sack of claim 14, wherein the second fastening means comprises:

at least one button secured to an inside of the sack;
at least one button secured to an outside of the sack;
at least one button hole substantially opposite the at least one
button secured to the inside of the sack for fasteningly accommodating the at least one
button secured to the inside of the sack; and

at least one button hole substantially opposite the at least one button secured to the outside of the sack for fasteningly accommodating the at least one button secured to the outside of the sack,

where the at least one button hole substantially opposite the at least one button secured to the inside of the sack and the at least one button hole substantially opposite the at least one button secured to the outside of the sack may or may not correspond to the same at least one button hole(s).

- 17. (Original) The sack of claim 16, wherein the outside of the sack includes a first pattern and the inside of the sack includes a second pattern, the at least one button secured to the outside of the sack conforming to the first pattern and the at least one button secured to the inside of the sack conforming to the second pattern.
- 18. (Withdrawn) A reversible sack having a pattern on the inside and a pattern on the outside, the inside and outside patterns being reversed with respect to one another when the sack is reversed, the sack comprising means for selectively opening and/or closing an open end of the sack to varying degrees and maintaining the sack in these various opened and/or closed conditions regardless of whether the sack is in an un-reversed or reversed configuration.

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19. (Withdrawn) The sack of claim 17 in combination with a basket type container.

20. (Withdrawn) The sack of claim 18 in further combination with a rigid liner conformed to the shape of an inside of the container, the sack accommodating the rigid liner and being at least partially supported by the rigid liner, wherein items stored within the basket type container are maintained within the rigid liner such that the sack may be placed in a reversed (or un-reversed) configuration without disturbing the contents by removing the rigid liner from the sack, reversing (on un-reversing) the sack, placing the rigid liner back in the reversed (or un-reversed) sack and placing the sack and rigid liner in the container.